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**bject :** **MOSS LANDING POWER PLANT PROJECT STATUS REPORT 3**  
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**Data Requests** Staff issued a second set of data requests on October 20, 1999, on the topics of biological resources and water resources. Duke Energy provided responses on November 22, 1999.

**AFC Supplement** Duke Energy completed and filed a supplement to the AFC on November 22, 1999. This was necessary as Duke Energy no longer plans to upgrade the existing Units 6 & 7 by 116 megawatts (58 megawatts per unit) as originally described in their Application for Certification. However, they still plan to increase capacity by 30 megawatts (15 megawatts per unit) by upgrading the steam turbine rotors at the time Selective Catalyst Reduction equipment is added. The supplement details the various associated project changes and includes an analysis for each technical area.

**Schedule** The current Committee-directed schedule requests the Preliminary Staff Assessment be completed and filed by January 11, 2000. With the draft Section 316(a) and final Section 316(b) studies scheduled to be filed by Duke Energy on January 1, 2000, and given the January 11, 1999 PSA date we would not be able to include valuable information and analysis in the PSA. Additional time, to the first part of February, to complete the water resources and biological resource sections of the PSA would be helpful.

Additionally, the Monterey Bay Air Quality Management District has identified a number of issues that has caused the Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) to extend beyond the December 10 Committee-noticed date. Based on a recent conference call with the air district and Duke Energy, the air district indicated that they would be able to complete their analysis and provide the PDOC by January 7, 2000. However, some of these same issues may require further analysis and have the potential of causing a delay in the Final Determination of Compliance.

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Thirdly, the California Coastal Commission has informed us that they will not be meeting the Committee-directed date of December 10, 1999 to file their report. It appears that additional information may be needed by the California Coastal Commission in order for them to issue their findings of federal consistency. We will be meeting with the Coastal Commission staff on December 21, 1999 to discuss this matter, their information needs and how the federal consistency process will meld with the Energy Commission process. We can go forward with the PSA without the Coastal Commission report but its absence could potentially cause a delay in the FSA.

Considering the above delays, it appears that a change in the PSA release date to February 7, 1999 is necessary for us to produce a complete PSA. This delay would not jeopardize the FSA release date of March 28. However, the FSA could be delayed for any of the reasons noted above. We will keep you informed of any changes in the schedule as they become known.

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